

Central Intelligence Agency



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The Honorable Thomas N. Kindness
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Kindness:

This letter is in response to your request at the 10 May hearing on H.R. 5164 for additional information on the number of senior Agency personnel involved in the processing of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.

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As we said in our testimony, one of our greatest concerns has been that experienced intelligence officers

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must be diverted away from their primary task in order to help process FOIA requests. When a FOIA request is received, it is initially handled by the Information and Privacy Division of the Directorate of Administration. That office causes records searches to be made in those Agency components likely to have records responsive to the request. a unit known as FOIA, Privacy Act, and Litigation Group [hereinafter "FPLG"] is responsible for the processing of all FOIA and Privacy Act requests. That component has employees, of which are full-time professionals, are part-time professionals, are rehired annuitants, and the remainder are clericals. The individuals in this component are responsible for initiating searches for documents responsive to a FOIA request and reviewing those documents to determine whether the documents contain classified information. However,

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the final determination regarding the releasability of [redacted]
information must be left to those intelligence officers within
those components [redacted] that have the substantive
responsibility for the subject matter contained in the document
under review.

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I hope you find the above information useful, and if there
is any additional information you need, please contact me at
your convenience.

Sincerely,

/s/Charles A. Briggs

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